

INTRODUCTION

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a global humanitarian organization with a mission to work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change. ADRA Timor-Leste belongs to the worldwide ADRA network, comprised of 120 supporting and implementing country offices.

ADRA's core sectors include: Food Security; Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH); Health; Economic Growth; Education; Environmental and Emergency Management. ADRA Timor-Leste has especially developed expertise in WASH and four other sectors.

Due to its remote location, many NGOs and aid programs rarely set foot in the Viqueque district. However, ADRA Timor-Leste has gone where only a handful of other NGOs have been, in order to assist vulnerable communities in Viqueque with their development needs.

ADRA Timor-Leste employs a team of experienced staff that designs, manages, and implements its programs in accordance with donor and stakeholder requirements, government plans, and ADRA policies. ADRA's technical team includes a public health officer, WASH expert, educator and technical staff. The administrative and managerial team includes the country director, program manager, finance officer, monitoring and evaluation unit, and PR manager.

PARTNERSHIPS

ADRA Timor-Leste has partnered with several development agencies, government ministries and departments, and educational and research institutions to deliver development programs to communities throughout the country. We view collaboration as a cost-effective and time-saving means for implementing projects, sharing lessons, and combining technical experience and expertise for maximum project impact.

ADRA has developed excellent relationships with both international and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) in Timor-Leste, and often partner with organizations to further our objectives.



TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

WASH

ADRA Timor-Leste implements water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs that incorporate sanitation and hygiene training. In Timor-Leste, 45% of the population does not have access to clean water and in rural areas 70% of the population does not have access to sanitation facilities.

Objectives Provide access to a safe and adequate water supply; provide access to basic sanitation facilities; and improve health through basic hygiene practices, especially for children age 0-5.

Key Activities:

- Drilling bore wells in communities
- Providing materials for the construction of household latrines by members of the community
- Publishing and dispersing hygiene and sanitation posters
- Holding hygiene and sanitation workshops
- Distributing hand-washing devices and hygiene kits

Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS), has been used by ADRA Timor-Leste with a modified approach that encourages residents to use their own resources, as possible, but provides material subsidy to low income households.

Our WASH programs in the Viqueque region have helped to reduce cholera and diarrheal cases in that area due to increased access to clean water and sanitation facilities.

EDUCATION

Many schools in Timor-Leste do not have regular maintenance done on their buildings. Many schools are forced to close on rainy days because of leaking roofs. ADRA Timor-Leste has been involved in the improvement of school facilities and kitchens.

Objectives Provide a clean and safe place for children to learn; enable education to continue during the rainy season; and provide access to sanitary places for food preparation in conjunction with the school feeding program.

Key Activities:

- Mobilizing communities to rehabilitate their own school
- Providing zinc and the other materials necessary to fix roofs, walls, windows, doors, and sidewalks of the school
- Providing new paint for inside and outside of the school
- Constructing new and sanitary school kitchens

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and school leaders in Viqueque, ADRA Timor-Leste has been given approval to rehabilitate any school in their district, as funding becomes available.

Rural communities have greatly benefited from having a safe place for their children to learn. They have also shown pride in owning a clean and functional school.



ENVIRONMENTAL

ADRA Timor-Leste is concerned with deforestation because of the amount of wood used in open fire cooking. In the school feeding programs, smoke inhalation and lack of sanitary kitchen facilities also affect the quality of life of students, teachers and cooks.

Objectives Decrease deforestation by reducing school wood consumption by 50% and increase health by reducing smoke inhalation.

Key Activities:

- Installing fuel efficient stoves
- Installing smoke stack chimneys for cooking smoke to escape from the kitchen
- Replacing makeshift rural kitchens with sanitary kitchen facilities on school properties

By integrating the principles of sustainable development we are reversing the loss of environmental resources, ensuring environmental sustainability and contributing to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

FOOD SECURITY

High rates of food insecurity are prevalent in Timor-Leste's rural farming population. ADRA Timor-Leste has decided to expand its sectoral domain into the field of agricultural by improving agricultural production and reducing post harvest losses. Projects in development include one that addresses both these issues for 100 rural farming households in Viqueque.

HEALTH

Timor-Leste has a very high tobacco consumption rate. The Global Youth Tobacco Survey indicates that 65% of males in Timor-Leste smoke and 6 out of 10 students are exposed to second hand smoke in their own homes. ADRA Timor-Leste seeks to increase the awareness of the dangers of tobacco in Timor-Leste.

Objectives Educate the people about the harmful effects of tobacco; reduce the percentage of tobacco consumers in Timor-Leste, especially among minors; protect children and youth from the ill effects of second-hand smoke.

Key Activities:

- Conducting anti-tobacco campaigns like *World No Tobacco Day* in partnership with the Ministry of Health, WHO, Red Cross, and several other organizations
- Coordinating with media for coverage of *World No Tobacco Day* activities
- Encouraging Timorese youth to make healthy decisions and not consume cigarettes
- Printing anti-smoking materials

ADRA Timor-Leste is also able to conduct *Stop Smoking Classes* and is in the process of using advocacy as a tool to pass laws to protect minors from tobacco's harmful effects by creating smoke free public places.



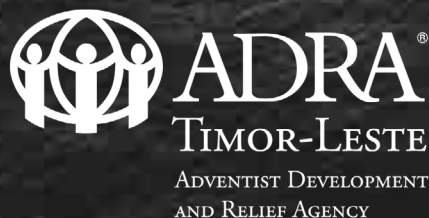
Fuel Efficient Stoves



Anti-Tobacco Campaigns

PAST PERFORMANCE

<p>WASH for Uma Tolu, \$200,000 <i>Improve health and quality of life in Uma Tolu by improved hygiene behavior, access to clean water and access to sanitation facilities.</i></p>	<p>Donors: ADRA Australia/Portugal, ANZ Bank, and NZ Embassy Area: Community of Uma Tolu in Lacluta sub-district Beneficiaries: 4,752 Duration: January 2012 - June 2012</p>
<p>WASH for CLU, \$500,000 <i>Improve the level of health of children 0-5 years, and increase the quality of life in the communities of Craras, Luca, & Uma Quic (CLU).</i></p>	<p>Donors: ADRA Australia and AUSAID Area: Communities of Craras, Luca and Uma Quic (Viqueque) Beneficiaries: 3,674 Duration: July 2013 - June 2016</p>
<p>WASH for Lacluta, \$75,000 <i>Improve health and quality of life in Uma Tolu by improved hygiene behavior, access to clean water and access to sanitation facilities.</i></p>	<p>Donors: ADRA International Area: Communities of Boruc and Acaderu Hun (Lacluta) Beneficiaries: 1,520 Duration: May 2013 - June 2014</p>
<p>Bore Well Pump Replacement for Orphanage, \$2,000 <i>Provide clean drinking water for the orphanage and clinic.</i></p>	<p>Donors: Rotary Club, ANZ Bank, ADRA Timor-Leste Area: Viqueque Orphanage/Clinic Francis de Assisi Beneficiaries: 75 Orphans, 200+ patients Duration: June 2013</p>
<p>New School for Uma Tolu, \$10,000 <i>Ensure that children in Uma Tolu, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling with no interruptions due to weather conditions and school building inadequacy.</i></p>	<p>Donors: ADRA Portugal and ADRA Australia Area: Elementary School in Uma Tolu sub-district of Lacluta Beneficiaries: 450 Duration: May 2013 - October 2013</p>
<p>Fuel Efficient Stoves & Kitchen Improvement, \$10,000 <i>Provide a clean and safe educational environment and the continuity of the school-feeding program to ensure children's enhanced nutrition intake.</i></p>	<p>Donors: New Zealand Embassy and ADRA New Zealand Area: Elementary School and pre-school of Uma Tolu (Lacluta) Beneficiaries: 361 Duration: May 2013 - October 2013</p>
<p>Tobacco Awareness Campaign, \$5,250 <i>Raise awareness of the dangers of tobacco to the general population of Dili by 65% and outside of Dili by 45%.</i></p>	<p>Donors: WHO and ADRA Timor-Leste Area: Urban centers in Timor-Leste Beneficiaries: 250,000 Duration: May 2012</p>



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